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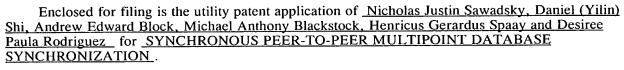
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



[] Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application NOT BE PUBLISHED under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. [X] Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent. Also enclosed are: [X] 7 sheet(s) of [X] formal [] informal drawing(s); [X] an Assignment document; [] an Information Disclosure Statement; [] a patent application data sheet; and [X] Other: Recordation Form Cover Sheet and return postcard [X] An [X] executed [] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s) [X] also is enclosed [] will follow. [X] Small entity status is hereby claimed. [] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: -- This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to _ filed in _ on _; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--[] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: -- This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application No. _ entitled _ and filed on _, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--.



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- --This application is a continuation of International Application No. _ filed on _, which International Application [] was [] was not published by the International Bureau in English on _.--.
- [X] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

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	No. Of Claims		Extra Claims	RATE	FEE	
Basic Application Fee						
Total Claims	24	24 MINUS 20 = 4 × \$18.00 (103) =		72.00		
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$84.00 (102) =	84.00	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (104)						
Total Application Fee						
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Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (581) if Assignment document is enclosed						
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE						

(X)	A check in	the amount of \$	488.00	is enclosed	for	the fee	due.
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[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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